

"BECK'S" AMEN CORNER

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Many Automobiles Will Convey Teams Over the Line of March; Bands Will Furnish Music; 3000 People Are Expected to Witness Opening Game of the Rio Grande Association in El Paso Saturday.

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ALL is in readiness for the first game of professional league baseball in El Paso on Saturday afternoon. At 1 o'clock, between 50 and 40 automobiles will line up at the El Paso hotel to pick up the baseball teams which are to ride in the parade. There will be a large number of the boys' teams which are affiliated with the El Paso "Boysland" department and the baseball club has extended special invitations to the team of company B of the state infantry, the other army teams, the Commercial League, the El Paso and Southwestern team and any other amateur lines in the city which can appear in uniform.

An attendance of at least 3000 fans is expected Saturday afternoon. The better tickets have been sold around town will admit the holders to not part of the grounds and grand stand while the bleacher tickets will be sold at the gate. There is a limit of space for automobiles inside the park and preference will be given to machines in the parade.

The parade proper will form in front of the Elks' club at 1:30, proceed along Myrtle avenue to San Antonio street, along San Antonio to El Paso street, south along El Paso street and then back up to Myrtle street to North Oregon, north on Oregon to Montana and thence out to the park.

A band has been engaged and will ride in one of the big sightseeing cars while it dispenses the music. The Las Cruces delegation has promised 25 automobiles and a band so there will be lots of noise. Fans are invited to bring along their noisier noise making instruments.

Moving pictures are to be taken by the Feldman company of the parade, the stands and some of the plays in the opening game. The pictures will be sent around the Rio Grande circuit and shown in all the cities and will then be sent east. It will be a good advertisement for El Paso to show the big bleachers and grand stand filled to capacity for the first exhibition of baseball in the metropolis of the southwest.

The batting order of the Las Cruces and El Paso teams has not yet been announced. However, the manager of the Las Cruces team has "first up" for the visitors and president N. C. Frenger, of the Las Cruces club will stand on the coaching lines and tell him how to "line out" major Tom Lea's twisters to deep ground. League president, Ernest I. Hughes is expected to don the mask and protector and look after major Lea's offerings if they get past major Porter.

Editor, Shurey, the armory, Porter, the Knight will officiate on the mound for El Paso, while Bill Hurley is likely to select Ray Kauff for mound duty.

The probable batting order of the visitor team is: Seaton, rf; Grayson, 2b; 3b; Hurley, 1b; Porter, c; Frenger, cf; Pfeiffer, lf; Daniels, cf; Root, 3b; c; Knutson, 2b; Russell, p.

The batting order of the locals has not yet been selected but the probable lineup will be: Jack Ellis, c; Stoney McGilgan, p; Kitty Knecht, 1b; Johnny Hayes, 2b; Johnny Fenderson, 3b; George Duddy, 3b; Jack Bauer, lf; right and center field being filled by some of the recruits pending the arrival of Porter, Frenger and Harry Thompson, who will play second and right, respectively. Hayes, the regular center fielder, is shifted to second until Porter arrives.

"Doc" Goodman arrived in El Paso on Thursday afternoon and will try for a position as pitcher with the local league team. He has been pitching at Phoenix and Mesa for the past two years and has an excellent record in semi-pro ranks.

Wilkes Lee Durkee, official umpire of the Guaymas, Mex. team is in the city and will take in the opening game on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Durkee is anxious to arrange games either here or at Guaymas for the team of that city and declares that the team is one of the fastest in Mexico. John R. Glenn, U. S. consul at Guaymas, is manager of the team.

Bill Quigley will rely upon Mickey Shuler, formerly with Seattle, as his pitching star for the Douglas club. He was due to report to the team at Albuquerque Friday afternoon. Shuler is not a youngster but he has lots of work left in him yet and, like the other managers, Quigley believes in having at least one good veteran for mound duty.

Umpire Harry Kane will remain at Tucson and Phoenix until the western clubs start their trip to this end of the circuit. Lou Mahaffey has been assigned to the Albuquerque series and Ray Sterling will work here. As the Albuquerque club has deferred its opening until Tuesday on the ground that there is objection by the business men to a Saturday half holiday, Mahaffey will not go north until Sunday night. He will work with Sterling here on Saturday and Sunday and the fans will witness a demonstration of the double umpire system by two experienced men.

Jim Brown, manager of the Tucson

"PLAY BALL" will be the shout at the new professional baseball park in the Cotton addition on Saturday afternoon. The Las Cruces and El Paso teams will then get off in the scramble for the Rio Grande pennant. Be on hand and, in later years, you, too, can say that you were present at the first league game in organized baseball ever played in El Paso.

TENNIS enthusiasts are becoming more excited every day—if that be possible—over the prospects for the coming Border States tournament. Entries are coming in every day and every player of importance in the whole southwest will be here on May 26, when the tournament opens.

IT WILL BE worth your while to take in the boys' exhibition at the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday night and it won't cost you even a jisme.

CONNIE MACK is no true Quaker. He has changed his mind. A few months ago he said "Home Run" Baker could stay out of baseball if he wanted to and he (Mack) would bear him no ill will. But Connie has now changed his mind. And the Athletics are trailing all the American leaguers.

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ALL out for the big baseball parade Saturday, boys. There will be 40 automobiles at the Angels to take at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon to look at the boys' youths and men's baseball teams in the big parade. If you have uniforms, wear them. If you have none, get a neatly printed banner with the name of your club so that it can be displayed on the car. Better still, get two banners, if you can, and have one on each side of the car.

The big parade will start from the Elks' club at 1:30 and go through the business section of the city and thence to the park. There will be a couple of bands and it's going to be a real day. Do your part and show up either in uniform or with a banner bearing the name of your club at the Angels hotel at 1 o'clock and you can ride in the parade.

There are nearly 15 clubs now connected with the Boyland department. Let us have at least half of them represented in the parade. Show the fans of El Paso that we have some real stuff being developed here for the near future.

St. Mary's Firsts explain the complaint of the Fort Bliss Juniors regarding their recent game which had to be called in the last of the eighth inning because of a substandard by stating that the inning was actually under way when the storm came up suddenly and made it impossible to continue. They declare that there was

no agreement to postpone, and that, according to the recognized rules of baseball, anything over five innings stands as a game and the score reverts to the last even innings.

San Jacinto and St. Mary's Firsts are booked for a game on Friday afternoon.

The Feldman Seniors defeated the Empire Bottlers in a fast, close game of baseball on Thursday afternoon at the Vilas grounds, the score being 5 to 7. Strahan, of the Feldmans, hit two home runs and Welsh one, while Ray Lawrence and Hunter connected for circuit clouts for the Bottlers. Seamon, Caples and Dwyer all got triples.

The score by innings of the game was: Empires 111 101 620-7; Feldmans 601 124 60-4.

The lineup of the Feldmans was: Welsh, c; Seamon and Dwyer, p; Whitmore, 1b; Strahan, 2b; Schuler, 3b; Dwyer and Seamon, ss; W. Caples, cf; John Burnside, of; James Earl, rf.

For the Empire Bottlers the lineup was: Gibson, c; Grant and Gillette, p; Magruder, 1b; Ray Lawrence, 2b; Carl Reisinger, 3b; Oscar Nelson, ss; Philip Conroy, lf; Tommy Macey, cf; Hunter and Gibson, rf.

Feldman Seniors and Feldman Juniors want games. To get dates with the Seniors, manager Caples can be reached at phone 5530. For games with the Juniors, call John Burnside at 5297, or Stewart at phone 123.

Penstock outpitched Ayres and Shaw and the Athletics beat the Senators 3 to 1.

Driving Closets from the mound in the ninth inning, the Indians beat the White Sox, 5 to 4, three runs scoring in the last stanza. The Sox ran bases poorly.

The Tigers were the only team to keep up the winning streak on Thursday. They got to Earl Hamilton, who was pitching his first game of the season for the Browns, after the first four innings and hammered out a victory. Bernard Boland, a recruit to the Tigers from Nashville, pitched his third consecutive victory.

Hard hitting featured all three games in the Federal league on Thursday.

Every home team in the American association lost on Thursday.

MORE grist for the law mill! The Giants have grabbed Benny Kauff from the Feds. Wonder if the law sharks engineered the deal. There will be no profit in major league baseball so long as these legal tangles keep up. And it don't look well for the Giants to be grabbing Fed players who are signed on regular contracts. The Feds have taken O. B. men who had merely the string of the reserve clause tied to them but they sent back one player only a few days ago because a club in O. B. showed that it had a prior and legitimate contract.

BE A BOOSTER on Saturday and take the dollar ticket that will let you into any part of the stands at the new ball park, but if you can't stand the price, you can get into the bleachers—and they are mighty good bleachers, too—for a half dollar. The Booster tickets are to aid the club in getting a start, the cost of getting started here being unusually heavy.

GLOBE means to be on the baseball map. In getting Gus Lind for the mound work, the Globe club has secured an experienced pitcher who will better than hold his own with any of the pitchers in semi-pro ranks in the southwest.

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DOUGLAS fans have now become worked up over league baseball. They are out to get a winning team. "Watch our dust" is the slogan. Well, let's hope they watch ours for a while.

LENA BLACKBURN, first of the "\$10,000 beauties," and who was here with the White Sox, may be shipped to the Oakland club of the Coast league. Well, he won't be the first beauty to go back to the minors. Do you remember one Minny O'Toole?

WHO says there is no money in baseball? It has been announced at Los Angeles that the average week-day receipts for this season have been in excess of \$1600 and that is without taking the Sunday receipts into consideration at all.

RICKY SECURES SOUTHPAW HERO OF SCORELESS GAME Detroit, Mich., April 28.—Manager Branch Rickey, of the St. Louis Nationals, announces that Ernest Koob, pitcher of the Kalamazoo Normal team, will report to the Browns on June 15. Koob was the hero of a 19 inning scoreless tie against the University of Michigan Wednesday. Only two hits were made off his delivery and one of the pitchers who opposed him was Siler, the sensational left hander. Koob also is a southpaw. Rickey saw him pitch the game against Michigan.

WILLARD FAILS TO DRAW CROWD

New York, April 28.—It is not probable that Jess Willard, the new heavyweight champion, will be seen in action at one of the New York clubs before next fall. His engagements in New York were not crowned with the success that his manager and admirers had expected them to be. Instead of running several weeks with houses sold out at kitted prices at Hammerstein's as Jack Johnson did, he played to little more than a normal crowd and the first week's performance ended his work there, notwithstanding the manager of the theater had an option on his services another week.

Thomas M. Carroll, manager of the Hotel Hamilton, where Willard stopped, and a friend of the champion, was outspoken in his criticism of the Willard management. He declared that Willard had been taken over the roofs into the theater and been forbidden to mix at clubs and hotels as other champions.

"If they had let Jess go ahead in his automobile to the stage door, as Jack Johnson did, and congested such a crowd that the reserves would have been called out, like the police were forced to do when Johnson had a run at the same theater, then you would have seen a rush to see him inside," said Carroll.

Willard has started on the western theatrical tour, but unless the western sporting public displays greater desire to pay to see the champion, the tour may be abandoned, and then he will be at liberty to return to New York, where he can pick up some easy money, as several late white hopes are anxious to box with him.

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